PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: More citizens of our nation and our state die each year of diseases of the heart and circulatory system than from all other causes of death combined;

WHEREAS: An Estimated 10,000,000 Americans suffer from some form of these diseases, 500,000 children being among the victims;

WHEREAS: The heart and circulatory diseases cause widespread human suffering and are an economic drain on the family, local industry and the community at large;

WHEREAS: The cardiovascular problem is not one but a vast complex of disorders, including many forms of heart disease, in addition to diseases of the blood vessels which affect the heart, brain, kidneys and other vital organs;

WHEREAS: The underlying causes of the three disorders responsible for 90 percent of all heart disease--hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure and rheumatic fever--are still undiscovered;

WHEREAS: To fight the heart and circulatory diseases a mass public effort is required to support increased scientific research, to keep physicians informed of the latest advances in science, to provide public education encouraging early diagnosis and treatment and to make possible community heart programs which include rehabilitation of cardiac patients, rheumatic fever prevention and other constructive programs;

WHEREAS: The American Heart Association and its affiliates and chapters constitute the only national voluntary health agency devoted exclusively to combating diseases of the heart and circulation;

AND WHEREAS: The South Dakota Heart Association, an affiliate of the American Heart Association, is conducting the 1958 Heart Fund Drive from February 1 through 28 to support a year-round program of research, education and community service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of South Dakota, do hereby order that the month of February, 1958, be observed as Heart Month in the State of South Dakota and that I further urge all citizens to cooperate in the Heart Fund drive and all schools, churches, scientific, civic, social and fraternal organizations and business establishments to give this campaign the greatest possible support.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 30 day of Jan., 1975.

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Governor

ATTEST:

Clara Halls
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Secretary of State

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